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AMENDMENTSIn the Specification

25 Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the paragraph starting at page¹~~6~~^{1,2}, line~~22~~ with the following:

In the described embodiments, the preparing and binding of a publication is described in the order of an adhesive applied to a page with the adhesive applicator 52, the page is printed with the printer 54 and then trimmed with the page trimmer 56, if needed, and the page is then bound with a publication in the publication binder 58. The adhesive can be applied to a page by a manufacturer of the paper before the paper is delivered to a printer publisher where the page is then printed, trimmed, and bound with a publication. However, other scenarios for preparing and binding a publication